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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to furnish to the M.L.As. of the Chingleput district a copy of the list of works which are going to be undertaken in the year 1954–55? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall do so when the Budget for the next year has been finalised."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is there any possibility of including this work in Tiruvellore taluk in the programme for next year at least? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered this question in my reply to clause (*b*) of the main question."

Development of silk industry.

* 451 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the amount allotted for the development of silk industry in the State out of the sum received from the Handloom Cess Fund?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No amount has been allotted for the development of silk industry in the State from out of this State's share of Cess Fund."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" பட்டுத் துணி நெய்யக்கூடிய தொழிலாளர்கள் இந்த ராஜ்யத்தில் 2,500 பேருக்கு மேல் இருந்தும் செஸ் நிதியிலிருந்து ஏன் இவர்களுக்கு நிவாரணம் அளிக்க பணம் ஒதுக்கப்படவில்லை ? இந்தத் தொழிலை அபிவிருத்தி பண்ணுவதற்கு சர்க்காரால் என்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Technically speaking, the silk industry people are also entitled to a share from the Cess Fund. But the All-India Handloom Board to whom the work of distributing the amount of this Cess Fund has been entrusted by the Government of India has stated that the development of silk weaving is not its responsibility. The development of the silk industry is the responsibility of the Central Silk Board and the funds required for the development of that industry are being separately allotted. A separate question may be asked as to the various measures that are taken to improve the silk industry."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" In view of the answer of the Hon. Minister that the silk industry also deserves certain help from the Cess Fund, may I know whether this Government took any steps to place their views before the Handloom Board? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I did not say that it deserved help. I said that technically speaking, that industry also was entitled to help, but that the All-India Handloom Board did not recognize that fact."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" How many silk looms are there under the category of silk weaving industry? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" Sir, the second part of my supplementary question has not been answered."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It was answered."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இது வரையிலும் சர்க்கார் இந்த பட்டுத் தொழிலை அபிவிருத்தி செய்வதற்கு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்பது தான் என்னுடைய கேள்வி ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" அந்தக் கேள்விக்குத்தான் அவர்கள் பதில் சொன்னார்கள்."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" பட்டுத் துணிகளும் கைத்தறியில் நெய்யப் படுவது போலவே நெய்யப்படுகின்றன. தற்போது பட்டு வியாபாரமும் குறைந்து கொண்டே வருகிறது. அவர்களையும் கைத்தறி நெசவாளர்களாகக் கருதி உதவி செய்யவேண்டியது சர்க்காரின் கடமை. ஆகவே இவர் களுக்கும் செஸ் நிதியிலிருந்து உதவி செய்யவேண்டுமென்று மத்திய போர்டுக்கு சர்க்கார் சிபார்சு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have stated that the agency responsible is the All-India Handloom Board. Still, I shall write to it and find out if it can give any help, but at the present moment, the prospects are not very bright."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" Are the Government aware that the silk industry, especially, silk weaving, is going down and that representation has been made from the Kollegal taluk which forms the citadel of the silk industry? Therefore, will the Government place their views before the Board? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I said that I would consider that suggestion."

Pawnbrokers in the City of Madras.

* 452 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Multanis have registered themselves as pawnbrokers in the City and State;

(*b*) how many Marwari pawnbrokers are there in the City and State; and

(*c*) whether the pawnbrokers are paying sales tax on sales of articles pledged with them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) In the City no Multanis have been registered as pawnbrokers. In the rest of the State, 14 Multanis have registered themselves as pawnbrokers.

" (*b*) There are 509 registered Marwari pawnbrokers including Gujeratis in the City. In the rest of the State there are 335 registered Marwari pawnbrokers.

" (*c*) Pawnbrokers pay sales tax on the sales of articles pledged with them provided the aggregate is liable for assessment under the General Sales Tax Act."